

MASTER OF ARTS EXAMINATION, 2017
(2nd Year, 4th Semester)
LINGUISTICS
Philosophy of Linguistics and Language
Course : XV

Time: Two hours

Full Marks: 30

Part A

Answer any *THREE* questions

1. Transformational-generative grammars are evaluated with respect to three levels of adequacy. – Discuss. 5
2. Discuss the significance of Analytic-Synthetic distinction in linguistics. 5
3. How important the concept of compositionality is from the viewpoints of syntax and semantics? 5
4. Write short notes on (i) connotation and denotation, (ii) acceptability/grammaticality. 5

Part B

Answer any *THREE* questions

5. What are the four basic word categories proposed in Indian tradition. Define them with suitable examples. 2+3=5
6. Define two different powers associated with words with examples. What is suggestive meaning? 3+2=5
7. Do you think both *naiyāyika*, *vaiyākaranika*, and *mīmāṃsaka* express same understanding of *jāti*, *ākṛti*, and *vyākṛti*? - Your answer must be justified. 1+4=5
8. Explain *apoha-vāda* of *dinnāga* in the light of the functional theory of meaning. 5